

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A container, comprising:  
a first layer of plastic; and  
a second layer of plastic contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed  
as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with one of  
carbon dioxide and nitrogen.
2. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the first layer of plastic  
comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters,  
vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof.
3. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the first layer of plastic  
comprises a polyester.
4. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the first layer of plastic  
comprises polyethylene terephthalate.
5. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of plastic  
comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters,  
vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof.

6. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

7. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the second layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

8. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second layers of plastic are the same.

9. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second layers of plastic are different.

10. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, wherein the foam cells contain a gas comprising a gas selected from the group consisting of carbon dioxide, nitrogen, argon, air, and blends and derivatives thereof.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Amended) The container according to Claim 1, further comprising a third layer of plastic contacting said first layer of plastic, said third layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with a gas.

13. (Original) The container according to Claim 12, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters, vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof

14. (Original) The container according to Claim 12, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

15. (Original) The container according to Claim 12, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

16. (Original) The container according to Claim 12, wherein the gas in the foam cells of the third layer of plastic comprises a gas selected from the group consisting of carbon dioxide, nitrogen, argon, air, and blends and derivatives thereof.

17. (Amended) The container according to Claim 12, wherein ~~the gas in~~ the foam cells of the third layer of plastic are substantially filled with one of ~~comprises~~ carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

18. (Original) The container according to Claim 1, further comprising a third layer of plastic contacting said second layer of plastic.

19. (Original) The container according to Claim 18, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a plastic selected from the group consisting of polyesters, acrylonitrile acid esters, vinyl chlorides, polyolefins, polyamides, and derivatives, blends, and copolymers thereof.

20. (Original) The container according to claim 18, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises a polyester.

21. (Original) The container according to claim 18, wherein the third layer of plastic comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

22. (Amended) A multilayer preform, comprising:

a first layer of plastic; and

a second layer of plastic contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

23. (Amended) A multilayer preform, comprising:

a first layer of polyethylene terephthalate; and

a second layer of plastic contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

24. (Amended) A multilayer preform; comprising:

a first layer of plastic;

a second layer of plastic contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed

as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen; and

a third layer of polyethylene terephthalate contacting said first layer of plastic, said third layer of polyethylene terephthalate formed as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with one of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

25. (Amended) A multilayer preform; comprising:  
a first layer of plastic;  
a second layer of plastic contacting said first layer, said second layer of plastic formed  
as a foam wherein the foam cells ~~contain~~ are substantially filled with one of  
carbon dioxide and nitrogen; and  
a third layer of polyethylene terephthalate contacting said second layer of plastic.